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AUGUSTE RICORD
**Narcotics smuggler**

# 20 Years For Drug Trafficker

New York

Auguste Joseph Ricord was sentenced to a maximum 20 years in federal prison yesterday, after the government described him as "the biggest narcotics trafficker ever brought to justice in the U.S."

He also was fined $25,000 as head of a ring which the prosecution said smuggled a ton of narcotics a year into this country.

"The destruction he has wreaked upon our society is unbelievable," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Walter M. Phillips.

In sentencing the 63-year-old Ricord, French-born but now a resident of Asuncion, Paraguay, U.S. District Judge John M. Cannella declared:

'This is not an addict who is being sentenced or a pusher who made a few sales. This is a very large quantity of narcotics. The end product from the mortality and suffering would equal the recent figures for the Vietnam war casualties."

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